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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH 37 CFR 1,114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed 01/16/2009. In the review of the Notice of Allowance it was discovered that some references cited in a counterpart application in Japan have not been cited in the U.S. application. Accordingly, this request for an RCE is for citation and consideration of additional references.

Respectfully submitted. KLAAS, LAW, O'MEARA & MALKIN, P.C.

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